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interest. I asked that direct question of the proponents of the bill. They said, yes. It is in the testimony, if you would like to read it. They said, yes, there are times when a political subdivision can bid or can negotiate cheaper than they can get a bid. I am sure there will be other testimony here. This is a very complex bill. After I had written this approximately 150 letters, I have been receiving mail back from these people. These are not form letters. I have been receiving calls. I had two this morning. These are not form calls. These are people out in the state of Nebraska who were elected by the people of a school district, of a city or a municipality. These are elected officials that we are saying, no, you are not smart enough to run your own business. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: Mr. President and members of the body, I, in all sincerity, tried to pass judgment on this by questioning both the proponents and the opponents of this type of legislation and I have come to one conclusion. It is only good for a certain bonding company in Omaha, Nebraska who, evidently, is not getting their fair share of the bonds and this is the way they are going to set themselves up so they can. Basically, since 1959, this issue has come up three different times and to my knowledge neither of the three...any of the three different times did any committee member ever voted favorably for it and if you will all look at 105, to begin with, and see all the people who testified in opposition to that bill and they are all highly, honorable people with integrity and honesty and it represents pretty near every municipality throughout the state of Nebraska. That shouldn't leave any question in your mind why they are concerned and why they don't want any part of the participation in a bill like this.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I, also, am a member of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee. I sat in committee for two and a half hours and I listened to both proponents and opponents and the people that came through were those people that are involved in the subdivisions of government in this state who expressed, without exception, that they did not wish to have one particular option removed, that option being negotiation. Since that time, I have received numerous correspondence, as have other members of the committee and especially Senator Mills. I compliment Senator Mills for the additional work that he has done on this particular bill. I can only parrot what he has said. I do know that it will present hardships on some people and people that many of you or all of you represent. I would just suggest wholeheartedly that you not remove this option, that these individuals have an opportunity to negotiate when it is necessary.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I would speak to this bill from more than the direction of the bill itself. This Legislature has a decision to make on Committee work. Now if you have an issue in Committee that is nearly contested, then I think you have, possibly, a valid reason for attempting to raise a bill on this floor but, as has been testified for two and